

FOLK FEDERATION OF NSW – COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 19th APRIL 2007 at Eastside Arts Paddington
10am-12pm

MINUTES

1. Attendance : Carol Hirt, Kate Delaney, Jim & Dallas Baxter, Christina Mimmocchi, Wayne Richmond, Sandra Nixon, Chris Wheeler

Apologies : Bruce Cameron, Pam Merrigan, Mary-Jane Field, Pam Davis

Jennifer Lees' resignation from the committee accepted with regret.

2. Minutes of the meeting held 8th February – tabled & accepted.

3. Followup of Action Items

Social event – Gala Day / Picnic discussed in detail, see below

NSW folk week – first meeting of sub-committee rescheduled for ?? (someone please add). Change from folk week to folk month approved – allows all regular monthly folk events to be highlighted. Jennifer's resignation leaves this sub-committee down to 4 people, namely Christina, Kate, Carol, Pam M

4. Financial Report

4.1 No formal report submitted for this meeting, but Bruce noted that relatively early timing of our AGM this year will mean that the auditor's report will not be ready in time. We'll need to call a second special general meeting later in the year to accept the auditor's report.

5. Matters for Decision

AGM – start time changed to 1pm (formerly agreed as 2pm). Coral contacted in time to correct notice in Cornstalk.

Reimbursement – Kate - Committee approved reimbursement of \$141 to Kate for hire of Elkington Park, FF Gala Day.

6. Portfolio Reports

- **Cornstalk, choir listing project** – Mary Jane – *has contacted all choirs in Sydney known to her, encouraged both listing and taking out FF membership. While the list has expanded, sadly FF membership has not. Plans to take on a regional choirs listing later this year.*
- **Radio** – *Kate reported that Focus on Folk has been cut down to 1 hour per fortnight, and that several regular presenters have been axed by 2MBS-FM. It is becoming increasingly difficult to operate at this station. Discussion about other community radio stations worth approaching.*
- **Website** – *nil to report*
- **Folk clubs** – *nil to report*
- **New folk library** – *nil to report*

7. Social event – Gala Day / Picnic

Prepare email with all details for the day, for everyone to use (Dallas)
email brochures to Barry Parks for Hornsby FC and St Albans Folk Festival (Chris)
Sorry but I missed this deadline. Emailed today only.

Ask Barry Parks to co-ordinate Chorus Cup (Chris)

Email FOG with details, ask them to spread the word to their lists

Ask folk clubs to bring their banners. Contact Danny Watson to see if old FF banner can be brought (Kate)

Let BMC members know (Sandra)

Bring sticky labels for name tags, membership forms (Chris)

Games co-ordinators – thong throwing (Chris); 3-legged race (Kate), any others???

Bring bbq and 50 sausages (Christina)

Bring white sliced bread, tomato sauce and lollies (Dallas)

8. AGM

Earlier start time of 1pm approved to enable Christina and Carol to attend.
Brainstorm of new people to approach re membership of committee for 2007/8

9. New business

- **Sharpening focus on provision of member services for 2007/8.** Ideas included:
offering demo service, publicist service, photography service for up and coming bands and acts
offering masterclasses or tutorials when suitable tutors are visiting
continuing to work on NSW Folk Month, aim to highlight existing concerts, dances rather than organising extra ones.
Revisit discounts for folk fed members at folk venues

8. Next Meeting / Future Meetings

10am Thursday 17th May 2007 at Eastside Arts

10am Thursday 14th June 2007 at Eastside Arts

1pm Sunday 24th June 2007 (AGM) at Eastside Arts (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME THAN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED)